



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
DAY OF PRAYER
MAY 29, 2006

WHEREAS, throughout our history, the men and women who have worn the uniform of the United States have placed the security of our nation before their own safety, and America will be forever grateful for their service and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, from Valley Forge, across Europe and Asia, and in Afghanistan and Iraq, generations of courageous Americans have given their lives to defend the ideals of our state and nation and so others could live in freedom; and

WHEREAS, these brave men and women have liberated the oppressed, spread freedom and peace, and set a standard of courage and compassion for our nation and world, and all who enjoy the blessings of liberty live in their debt; and

WHEREAS, this debt of gratitude also extends to the families who stood by our servicemen and servicewomen in times of war and peace, and especially to the families of the fallen who mourn their loss and carry a burden of grief; and

WHEREAS, on this Memorial Day, we pay tribute to the brave men and women in uniform who have proudly and courageously served this country and those who are defending this great nation today, and we honor the memory and sacrifice of those who have paid the ultimate price in pursuit of peace and freedom for people everywhere.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 29, 2006, a **DAY OF PRAYER** in the state of North Dakota, and designate 11 a.m. local time on that day as a time for North Dakotans to unite in prayer and 3 p.m. local time as a time to observe the National Moment of Remembrance. I also direct all government agencies to fly the American and North Dakota flags at half staff until noon on this Memorial Day and encourage all citizens to do the same from their homes.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State